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#### TEACHING CHILDREN TO BE LOGICAL.

G. E. Mudge, in a protest against some modern educational methods and theories, asks whether it is not a mistake to try to teach children to be logical. He thinks it is not by any means certain that they are not, in many respects, more logical than we are ourselves. Considering the nature of the child, he thinks that a successful issue of tuition would be better secured if any attempt were made to retain and develop the thinking power the child naturally possesses. Any observant person can easily convince himself that a child from 3 to 5 years of age possesses thinking powers of greater capacity than we are in the habit of crediting to it. One of the external evidences of a thoughtful mind is the asking of questions which bear definite and logical relations to each other; and this is precisely what an average child of that age, when talking to a person in sympathy with it, is persistently doing. It is very seldom that a mother is found who has endeavored to make the most of her child's thinking capacities. Mr. Mudge mentions the instance of a 4-year old child who was making inquiries of its mother about the planet Venus. After she had been informed that both Venus and the earth traveled around the sun and were illuminated by it, she put the query, "Then if there were people on Venus our earth would look to them like Venus looks to us?" This question demonstrates that a child possesses thinking powers sufficiently vigorous to see the logical relationships of bodies to each other that would certainly do credit to many older people. This is not an isolated case, for the average child, if not suppressed, is capable of a quality of thinking which will very severely try both the fund of information and the intellectual powers of its parents. As an instance of the intellectual stagnation upon which many children are being reared Mr. Mudge said he once heard a child ask its mother, "What makes the flowers grow?" Promptly came the answer, "Jesus." Mr. Mudge thinks it is not surprising when children's intellects are muddled with such ambiguous assertions that they cease to think. Recalling his younger days and the questions he wanted answered, he remembers they were answered negatively as a rule, and those that were positively replied to were irreconcilable with the facts around him. He has since learned that they were mostly perversions of the truth, designed to secure a theological end. "Little wonder," he says, "I ceased to think by the time I got to school, and it is a matter of surprise to me that the examination system which followed did not convert a state of abeyance into one absolute destruction." He adds that there is no need to "make" thinking men; they are born to us if we will but retain, develop and strengthen the qualities that every healthy average child possesses. To do this we need, above all else, thoughtful, intelligent and well-informed women who as mothers recognize their duties to the state and will endeavor to retain and train the natural qualities, physical and intellectual alike, of the children that are to become the nation's men and women.

**USE FOR THE "PEERAGE."**  
Occupying a place of honor in the office of a New York printer is an old copy of Burke's Peerage, and its presence amid such incongruous surroundings aroused the curiosity of a casual visitor the other day.

"It isn't so strange as you might think," said the proprietor, by way of explanation. "You see, a considerable part of our business consists of printing labels of various kinds, and Burke is a great help to us. I don't suppose the British aristocracy would be particularly edified to know this, but it is a fact."

"Suppose we take the case of—well, say Robinson, who keeps a little hat store up in Harlem. Robinson comes in here and wants me to get him up some tasty design—a trade mark that he can place upon his goods. When I show him our regular stock designs for such purposes the chances are he will turn up his nose. That is where Burke's Peerage comes in.

"I take it down and ostentatiously turn to the proud name of Robinson, where the crests of that illustrious family are duly pictured forth, together with their Latin mottoes and all the records of their nobility. Robinson of Harlem is fascinated and his eyes bulge out of his head. I ask him which branch of the family is his and he makes some sort of a bluff.

"He picks out his crest, with its Latin motto, which is unintelligible to him, and a week later it is reproduced on the hats which he sells up in Harlem. If any of these literary fellows should ask me about books that have helped me I should place Burke's Peerage well up at the front."

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#### WILL NOT RUN DRY.

Three New Sources of Water Supply for the Great Lakes.

The Sun of the 30th ult. contained an article with the caption "Will Niagara Run Dry?" In reply I beg to say no. Why?

First—Because when the Georgian bay and Ottawa river canal is constructed with twenty-five feet of water over the lock sills the water of Lake Nipissing, Trout lake and Lake Talon, will discharge into Georgian bay and therefore raise the water level of Lake Huron. Trout lake is 200 feet deep, and is fed by the perpetual snow and ice of the upper part of the valley of the Ottawa.

Second—A canal can be cut from Lake Nipigon to Lake Superior. Nipigon is a large and deep lake, and is also fed from many streams which rise in the region of the perpetual snow and ice.

Third—When a ship canal is constructed from Lake Superior through Rainy lake and Rainy river to the Lake of the Woods, another large body of water would discharge into Lake Superior. These three sources of supply will more than counterbalance the discharge of water through a ship canal from Chicago to deep water upon the Illinois river.

The Canadian government is protesting against our building the Chicago drainage canal, although Lake Michigan is entirely within United States territory. If Canada has any rights in Lake Michigan which we are bound to respect, then we have rights in Georgian bay which Canada is bound to respect.

We have the same right to protest against her constructing a ship canal from the Georgian bay to Montreal for the admission of war vessels into the upper lakes that she has to object to our constructing a canal from Lake Michigan through the Illinois river for drainage purposes.

The Hon. Andrew H. Green, with his usual foresight, has been urging the creation of an international commission for the purpose of dealing with international waters, and also for the purpose of suggesting a continental system of international deep-sea canals.

There is no more important question for the electors of this republic than the creation of that commission.—Francis Wayland Glen in New York Sun.

#### THE SERVANT GIRL QUESTION.

Some unthinking mortal might ask what the lumbermen care about the servant girl question, but if he will take another glance at the question and think a moment, he will decide that he is very much interested. It is said that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. That being the case, the servant girl question must have some weight with all men. The last new phase of the question is that a union is being formed looking to the bettering of the condition of the servant girl. Of course this movement was started by some one who was looking for cheap notoriety, but if he had wanted to ameliorate the condition of the poor downtrodden class of human beings and at the same time have secured the friendship of our best class of citizens, he would have taken up the cause of the poor downtrodden housekeepers. There is not a class of people on the face of the earth to-day who have so much to contend with and so little to console them as the housewives who are compelled to keep help. They are at the mercy of a class of help who are either dishonest or dictatorial, and one is about as bad as the other.

A few years ago there seemed to be a way out of the servant girl question, by making house servants out of the Chinaman, but the labor organizations went to work and with the assistance of a few cranks, had the Greary law passed and through the same sources it will no doubt be passed again. If the people east of the Rocky Mountains knew the value of the Chinese as house servants as well as the people of the Pacific slope do, they would demand that Chinese house servants be admitted. People of the eastern portion of our country know nothing of the value of Chinese labor, and many of them in speaking of a Chinaman will say, "Oh, I could not endure those dirty things about!" This, however, is foolish prejudice, as can be proved by the fact that a Chinese house servant on the Pacific coast commands from a quarter to a third more wages than the white help receive for the same kind of work. Let the servant girls go ahead with their organization. Perhaps the worm will turn after a while.—Raford Review.

#### HENRY WATTERSON ON OHIO DEMOCRATS.

Louisville Courier-Journal.

"At last the luckless valiant are tired of sucking eggs that have no meat in them. They realize that inflationism in all its forms is a losing card. To win they must get together. To get together they must get away from dead issues and line up on living issues."

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"This is the conduct of reasonable and sensible people: who have conditions, not theories, to deal with, and who do not mean to go to the devil with their eyes open."

"Now, as in days gone by, it is the boys in the trenches on whom the party and the country must rely. Some of the old boys have passed in their checks and turned their toes to the daisies. God be good to them where they have gone."

"But the ranks are filling up and the battle will go on. If Mr. Bryan is wise he will fall in with the rest. All he can do by staying out will be to sow the seeds of future trouble to disorganize and disunite, and, in the end, to lose much of the credit he has won."

"Presently the tramp of the legions will be heard treading down all before it. Presently the gleam of the Mauser rifles, loaded with the most modern and improved ammunition, and the fixed bayonets of Democracy unfurled, and undented, will be seen above the hill tops."

"The new day has dawned. Death to the fools that get in the way."

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#### AS AN ENGLISH PAPER VIEWS IT

St. James Budget.

Mr. McKinley's declaration that he will not, under any circumstances, accept office as president of the United States, is not at all surprising. No man has ever been three times president of America, and only eight of Mr. McKinley's predecessors have served two terms. Mr. McKinley, when the end of his second term comes will realize what all his predecessors have realized, that there is no position in the world less enviable than that of an ex-president of the United States. The man who steps down from his pedestal in White house, steps down from one of the proudest eminences in the world to live the rest of his life in lonely obscurity. He can hardly go back, as Cincinnatus did, to his plough—there is something ludicrous in the spectacle of a man who has ruled over 70 millions running a grocery store, or pleading at the bar, or practicing medicine.

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